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Rubinstein Shuns Germany, But Performs German Works

TEL AVIV (P-O)—The exclusion of German works from a musician's repertoire is "absurd nonsense," pianist Arturo Rubinstein told a reporter here this month.

The pianist said he held this opinion despite the fact that he has refused to play in Germany, not even for repeated offers of astronomical fees for concerts. His large



Rubinstein

family in Poland was wiped out by the Germans, he explained.

The genius of music is, however, international, he said.

Rubinstein, who has given the proceeds of his concert series this season to the Israel Philharmonic orchestra, and the proceeds from two recitals to his scholarship fund in Israel, recalled that his father had been a Zionist, Hebrew student, and contributor to Nahum Sokolow's paper, *Hazfira*.

For him, he added, the idea of a modern Israel had remained an unattainable dream.

IMMIGRATION SPURTS AS RUMANIANS ARRIVE

JERUSALEM (P-O)—You may soon be hearing as much about Rumanian immigration to Israel as you heard last year at this time about the Polish immigration.

WHEREAS immigration from Poland has dropped to a trickle, Rumania is now responsible for hundreds of new immigrants, which brought the total in September to 3533, and should boost that figure to 5,000 for October. Immigration officials here would

not state categorically that the bulk of the new immigrants were from Rumania. They credited the new influx merely to "Eastern Europe."

THE IMMIGRANTS now arriving are "good material," which means that they are young people able to work, skilled technicians, and scientists.

Immigration reached a low point of only 1,000 for July and 1,500 for August.

Rabbi's Courage May Relieve Situation as Va. Jews Under Attack

(See Editorial This Issue)

RICHMOND, Va. (P-O) — A break in the tense situation throughout Virginia involving Jews in the school segregation issue came early this week as a courageous northern Virginia rabbi began to win support for his stand attacking the state's refusal to admit Negroes into the schools.

THE RABBI is Emmet A. Frank, of Temple Beth El of Alexandria, Va.

In his Yom Kippur sermon, the 33-year-old rabbi challenged the segregationists and lashed out against Virginia's "massive resistance" program.

FIRST REPORTS of a special board meeting of the congregation to take action over the rabbi's sermon were scouted as untrue by the president of the board, Leroy S. Bendheim. Bendheim is also mayor of Alexan-

dria, a community just outside of the nation's capitol.

He said that no such meeting had been called or contemplated.

THE ORIGINAL report was carried by the Religious News Service of the National Conference of Christian and Jews and indicated that pressure was behind the call for board action.

The rallying of support for the rabbi may be the turning point in a tense situation which has involved Jews of the entire state.

THE WORLD-WIDE News Service, an adjunct of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, reported that Jewish community leaders of the state's 10 largest cities conferred here with representatives of national Jewish organizations over the week end.

The anti-Semites were reported fishing in the muddied waters.

IN NEWPORT NEWS, there emerged a racist hate sheet, called "The Virginian," reminiscent of the propaganda put out by the notorious racist Gerald L. K. Smith. Thousands of copies of "The Virginian" were distributed door-to-door in Norfolk and throughout the state, with the segregationist "defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties" helping in the distribution of the anti-Semitic material.

In another development, a leading daily, the Richmond News Leader, carried a violent editorial attack on the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, charging that the organization's support of Negro rights was "stirring up hostility to Jews."

THE EDITORIAL said it was "apparent that something is stirring up hostility to the Jews, and it may be that Jews will soon be asking themselves if that something is not their own Anti-Defamation League. By deliberately involving itself in the controversy over school segregation," the editorial contended, "this branch of B'nai B'rith is identifying all Jewry with the advocacy of compulsory integration."

Declaring that by "diving gratuitously into these muddy waters" B'nai B'rith "has to expect to get wet," the editorial said "relations between Jews and Gentiles were excellent in the South before the ADL began setting up regional offices, as in Richmond, and stirring up clouds of prejudice and misunderstanding."

THE NEWSPAPER noted that the ADL provided pro-integration literature to Negroes and then indulged in the following syllogism:

"It requires no great stretch

of the imagination to hear embattled whites asking resentfully what segregation at Venable School has to do with defamation of the Jews. Such inquiries, once bruited about, will be seized upon by the ADL as evidence of anti-Semitic feeling. And having thus stirred up defamation of the Jews, ADL can lustily combat defamation of the Jews. But where did it come from?"

In the Rabbi Frank case, former Mayor Beverly accused the rabbi of making "untrue statements" and violating American tradition separating church from state.

HOWEVER, Rabbi Frank stood by his position, declaring that while he had no desire to enter the political arena, he had no intention of abandoning the good fight. Rabbi Frank said he received an unusually large number of statements approving his position, but a prominent member of the Temple was reported to have said that a considerable number of temple members were disconcerted over the rabbi's position, fearing that his stand might lead to increased anti-Semitism and possible violence.

Meanwhile the World Wide News Service reported that it was being charged here that national Jewish leadership was lacking in understanding of local Jewish problems in Virginia in connection with the school segregation issue. It was also learned that all regional activities connected with the segregation issue conducted by another national Jewish organization, other than the one that met with Jewish community leaders of 10 Virginia cities, must from now on receive prior approval from the local leaders of that organization in Virginia.

COMMENTING on this development, one Virginia Jewish leader was reported to have said that he now thought that professional staff workers are now more fully aware of "the perilous position of Jews in Virginia and the need for prudence." He said exchanges of views between local and national groups has brought awareness to Virginia's Jewry that it cannot legitimately insist on national groups' silence on desegregation, provided statements are made outside the South.

At the same time, Jewish community leaders in Virginia were reported to have exchanged views on techniques of combating segregationist anti-Semitism and possible boycotting of Jewish merchants.

2 School Incidents Arouse Bias As Religious Items Protested

NEW YORK (P-O) — If you want proof that the days of interreligious friction are not yet over in America take a look at these two recent incidents over Christmas observance in the public schools. Both could explode into serious anti-Semitic outbursts.

IN ONE, at Valley Stream, N. Y., even the Protestant and the Catholic clergy joined in what came close to being anti-Semitic attacks.

The other incident, the Ossining, N. Y., "creche" case, came to trial this month. The case, which is eventually expected to reach the U. S. Supreme Court, could lead to the most definitive ruling to date on the separation of church and state in this country.

THE VALLEY STREAM incident started a year ago when a sixth-grade teacher received permission from the supervising principal to put on a Christmas play.

The Anti-Defamation League Monthly bulletin said he began rehearsals for "The Birth of Christ," a nativity story whose characters include the Christ child, Mary, Joseph, the shepherd and the three wise men.

ADL informed school officials of the sectarian character of the play. It did not however,

recommend cancellation. There were only a few days left before the performance of the play.

Neither did any Jewish organization or individual make as much as a protest.

Instead, the ADL official asked for a conference with the principal in January to discuss the problem of such religious plays in the future.

AT THIS POINT the supervising principal read a copy of the script and canceled the play. Public clamor was immediately aroused, and "Jewish pressure groups, atheists and materialists" were blamed for taking God out of the schools.

A newly formed group called the Citizens Guardian League kept tensions high with public statements and press releases. A school board meeting called to examine the matter almost resulted in a public brawl.

A LOCAL PROTESTANT minister and a Catholic priest entered the fight—asking action to curb the non-Christian "minority" allegedly controlling the public schools.

The controversy brought a greater turn-out of voters in the April school board elections than at any time in Valley Stream's history, but Citizens Guardian

League candidates were beaten by about 700 votes out of a total of some 6,300.

THE LEAGUE, nevertheless, remained active in its holy war on those (including Jews) who are allegedly plotting to keep God out of the public schools.

The Ossining incident was slightly different. It began in December, 1956, when for the first time a bare majority of the Ossining board of education voted to authorize the erection of a nativity display on the grounds of the Ossining junior-senior high school.

DESPITE protests from both Christian and Jewish organizations the creche was again placed on the grounds of the school. Twenty-eight Ossining residents, —most of them non-Jewish—decided to take the case to court, turning to the American Jewish Congress for legal assistance. The case was taken by Leo Pfeffer, director of the AJCongress commission on law and social action.

The trial was held this month in the Westchester County, N. Y., Supreme Court. Defendants were the seven-member Ossining school board and the local "Creche committee," headed by Mayor Jesse A. Collyer of Ossining. They told the court that depiction of the nativity scene was a "historical event," rather than a religious symbol.

Reform Rabbi Scores Parents For Making Bar Mitzva 'End'

BROOKLYN (P-O) — Parents were blamed here by a Reform rabbi for the "tragic situation" where the bar mitzva ceremony "instead of marking the beginning of Jewish life . . . only too often marks the end."

WRITING in his Temple Topics, Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis, of the Progressive Synagogue, told the story of parents who objected when told that part of the requirements for the bar mitzva was regular attendance at Sabbath services.

Rabbi Lewis reported that the parents saw no connection between synagogue worship and attendance and bar mitzva. "This

type of attitude makes the bar mitzva ritual so often a farce and a travesty of everything Jewish," he said.

"Upon bar mitzva," the rabbi said, "the youth 'graduates' from his Jewish studies and too often from synagogue attendance also. Instead of assuming Jewish obligations, he rejects them utterly. The parents are to blame for this by not setting the example of loyalty to Judaism for the child."

RABBI LEWIS wrote that the most important training for bar mitzva is in synagogue attendance and worship, coupled with study of Hebrew and Jewish history. The candidate should be able to recite the basic Jewish prayers, blessings and benedictions from memory.

Unless he is able to do this the ceremony becomes just "a great social occasion for feasting, drinking and dancing, and thus devoid of religious significance it is an offense to Judaism and an insult to the noble ideas for which the synagogue stands."

PHOSPHATE FOR EXPORT

Israel expects to ship 21,000 tons of phosphate to Hungary and Rumania during October.

Leading National Jewish Organization Criticizes Ike for Failing to Lead Anti-Segregation Fight

President Dwight D. Eisenhower was criticized this week by a leading national Jewish organization for failing to provide leadership and to employ the prestige of his office to support the Supreme Court's ruling against segregation.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council in a sixth annual joint program plan for Jewish community relations challenged the President for not offering the leadership that might have encouraged many persons in the South interested in orderly compliance to unite effectively to achieve it.

WHILE SUPPORTING the chief executive for his use of troops in Little Rock, the NCRAC said that he also must "bear responsibility" for the developments which made his "drastic action" necessary.

While the NCRAC feels that the necessity for the use of federal troops was "deplorable," it recognized that "between the use of troops to obstruct court orders and their use to uphold those orders there can be but one choice. The President made that choice," but "the President had not, and has not, exercised the leadership of his office in support of the principles proclaimed in our Constitution," the report stated.

SPEAKING for six major national Jewish organizations and 43 Jewish community councils and community relations councils throughout the United States, the program plan noted that progress toward harmonious desegregation of public schools is taking place "where local authority is employed to expedite it. Unhappily, it goes on to say, "such evidence is overshadowed by the tragic and shameful events at Little Rock caused by Governor Orval Faubus' action in calling out the National Guard to bar Negro students from Central High School."

THE JOINT program plan also specified courses of action in other areas. Among them were:

Blaming "official defiance of law and the search for legalistic means of evading it" in the South for many of the lawless acts of extremist elements in that section during the past year,

it urged federal legislation to empower the United States attorney general and the FBI to take jurisdiction in cases such as those in which Jewish centers and places of worship were bombed.

Taking cognizance of the clamor for more scientific and technical education, stimulated by the launching of the Russian sputniks, it predicts a growing shortage of facilities for higher

education and advocated federal and other financing of additional colleges, graduate and professional facilities.

Reiterating long-held positions on church-state separation, the statement urged all who are committed to the extension of democracy to maintain the freedom of competition by "eschewing coercive attacks upon those who differ with them."



A Refugee Family Comes to a Welcome

A family of four Jewish refugees from Nasserism, the first such Egyptian Jewish group to reach Denver, is welcomed to the city by J. Leonard Berman, president of the Allied Jewish Community council. In the family, which fled from Egypt when a friend advised 46-year-old businessman Maurice Cohen-Hemsi (center) to do so are his wife, Alba, 42 (to his right) and his daughter, Becky, 16, and son, Claude, 18 (in back).

Hebrew Dictionary Like Game

JERUSALEM (P-O)—Looking about 14 ounces, the device supplies translations of 5000 English words at the pull of one of four groups of colored tabs extending from the end of the block. It works on simple mathematical formulae, said the inventor.

CALLED THE Dictomat, the "automatic Hebrew-English dictionary" is the first of its kind in any language, according to the inventor, Dr. Shimrat, a lecturer in mathematics at the Hebrew University.

In appearance a plastic block about 6½ x 12½ inches weighing

THE INSTRUMENT soon will go on sale for 16 Israel pounds (about \$9), and has been patented in the U. S. and elsewhere.

6 MIGRANTS FROM TURKEY
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Ben-Gurion Seen As Opposed to Quiet In the Middle East

INDIANAPOLIS (P-O) — The bald statement that Ben-Gurion "intends to increase Israel's land area either by negotiation or military aggression," was made here in a report from Egypt by Eugene Pulliam, publisher of the Indianapolis Star, and his wife Nina.

THE MAN who won the local B'nai Brith "man of the year" award several years ago, reported from Egypt where he and his wife are being entertained by the government, that "It is also believed that Israelis do not want peace and quietude in the Middle East now because it would slow down their individual contributions from the U. S. now averaging approximately \$220,000 a day.

The Pulliams do not plan to visit Israel.

IN AN ARTICLE which blamed Dulles for Nasser's antipathy to the West, the Pulliams wrote that "Inasmuch as Israel, as now constituted, can scarcely contain the two million people living there, it means only one thing: Ben-Gurion intends to increase Israel's land area either by negotiation or military aggression."

The article built up the background for this statement by declaring that: "The Israelis have proven they have the best army in the Middle East. Ben-Gurion, prime minister of Israel, has made it clear that Israel intends to have a population of 4½ million within 10 years."

THE NEWSPAPER'S editorial policy has been anti-Israel for several years now and at one time printed a cartoon showing a Jew with a long nose in the manner of Streicher's "Der Stürmer."

The Pulliams figured out a new angle to throw at the Israelis when they wrote that "even the Arabs were shocked when Israel refused to allow British planes en route to Jordan with supplies to fly over Israel's territory because the Russians protested. And this despite the fact that the British government is largely responsible for the establishment of Israel and has extended it liberal support at all times."

IN AN ARTICLE the following day in the Indianapolis News, which he also owns, Pulliam and his wife, became apologists for Nasser and indicated clearly that they had swallowed the Arab line.

Every act of Nasser unfriendly to the West was explained away and again Israel was made the goat. In fact, Nasser's newest line, a cordon sanitaire around Israel, was promoted vigorously by the Pulliams.

"THERE WILL be no peace," the pair wrote, "and therefore no oil for the West from the Middle East — until Israel's boundaries and policies are defined and guaranteed by both Britain and the United States. There are 40 million Arabs in the Middle East, their traditional home; there are two million

people in Israel, a state created by the United Nations for Jewish refugees following World War II."

Without seeming to say so, the Pulliams joined those in the U. S. who are demanding that UJA gifts be deprived of their tax-free status.

"ARABS DEEPLY resent the fact that contributions by Americans to Israel have been tax-free. They speak with considerable bitterness of the fact that the \$8 million estate of the late Gerard Swope went to Israel tax-free, without any inheritance tax (which would have amounted to about \$4½ million) being paid to the United States government.

"Few Americans know this is true. Every Arab appears to know it. In the eyes of the Arabs, the U. S. has committed herself to the support of Israel, while Russia has openly pledged all-out aid to the Arabs."

The POST and OPINION of June 20 told the complete story of how a dedicated American friend of the Technion became friendly with Gerard Swope in his last years and persuaded him to leave his estate to the Technion. He was Abraham Tulin. He was able to get an enabling act through Congress foregoing the estate taxes on the grounds that the aim of the bill was entirely in line with U. S. foreign policy of aiding underdeveloped countries.

Nasser Gives Editor "Protocols of Zion"

LONDON (P-O) — The editor of the English-language Bombay (India) weekly, "Blitz" was given a copy of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," by Nasser when he interviewed him recently, he reported in a current issue of his publication.

"What is written in it will show you clearly that the fate of the European continent is in the hands of 300 Zionists, each of whom knows all the others and they choose their allies from their followers," the editor said Nasser told him.

COWS FROM YUGOSLAVIA

Eight hundred 73 cows and calves, to be distributed to settlements by the Jewish Agency for breeding purposes, were brought from Yugoslavia to Haifa last month on the MS. Palmach.

SMART KIDS, THESE TWIN CITY TOTS!

MINNEAPOLIS (P-O) — The 3-year-old grandson of Louis Stein, returning home from Jewish nursery school, told his mother that Monday and Tuesday would be holidays. Asked what holiday, the tot replied, according to the American Jewish World, "Circus" (Sukkot).

All Twin City youngsters seem to be prodigies.

Michael Serber, 5, son of Cantor and Mrs. Solomon Serberg, when asked by his dad: "Do you know what Kol Nidre is," got the reply:

"Sure, that's what Perry Como sings on TV."

Mrs. Rhoda Jacobs reported that her 4-year-old Jaughter, back from her first day at Beth El Sunday school, asserted:

"You know what, Mommy, all the kids in the school are Jewish."

Zuckerman Says Russian Report On Israel True

NEW YORK (P-O) — The Soviet Jewish tourists who visited Israel reported accurately on the long lines of Russian and Polish Jews queue up before their embassies in Tel Aviv waiting for visas to return to their native lands, William Zuckerman reported in the current issue of his Jewish Newsletter.

The anti-Zionist publication said that the visitors from Russia were well received until on their return one of them reported on the "darker" aspects of Israel life in a Moscow paper. All of these criticisms of Israel, Zuckerman wrote, had previously been published in the Israeli press.

Israel Factories Can Repair All Armaments

TEL AVIV (P-O) — Israel, which started to export small arms some time ago, now has progressed to the point where she now can repair almost all but the most modern and largest of her arms equipment in her own factories.

Shimon Peres, director general of the ministry of defence, told a symposium here that Israel sought to strengthen herself in order to forestall any challenge from the Arabs, thus limiting the possibility of war in the Middle East.

JET PLANE TOUCHES LYDDA

A jet plane of the U. S. Sixth Fleet ran out of fuel and was forced to land at Lydda Airport, Israel, the day after Yom Kippur.

Hadassah, ZOA Meet This Month In Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH (P-O) — Two of this resort center's swankiest hotels will house Zionist conventions this month when Hadassah and the Zionist Organization convene at the Fontainebleau and the Deauville respectively.

HADASSAH'S 44th annual convention is expected to draw 2,500 delegates from 1,288 chapters when it opens on Sunday, Oct. 19.

The ZOA will meet for the

Mass. U. Overwhelms Brandeis' Judges 36-14

WALTHAM, Mass. (P-O) — Before many of the fans were in their seats, Massachusetts had scored four touchdowns to win over the injury-ridden Judges of Brandeis U. by the score of 36-14.

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THE TREES planted this week brought the total purchased by readers of the paper to almost \$1,000.

The trees are \$2 each. All gifts are tax deductible.

THE EFFORT of The POST and OPINION is part of a world-wide program under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund to enlist the personal participation of every Jew in the celebration of Israel's anniversary.

Slogan for the effort is "Ten Trees for Ten Years of Israel" but smaller purchases are most acceptable.

ALL TREES planted will be acknowledged with a tree certificate by the JNF, and those of at least 10 trees will receive a specially engraved certificate signed by President Ben-Zvi of Israel.

The JNF has already planted 22 million trees in Israel in the past 10 years and transformed thousands of dunams of parched, waste land into thriving forests which not only reclaim the soil, but also provide lumber for Israel's building and furniture industry.

THE PROGRAM of the JNF has won wholehearted acclaim from all quarters and has convinced many that the Zionist effort to rebuild Israel is truly a great humanitarian achievement of the 20th Century.

Israel Orders Huge Tanker,
To Erect Shipyard at Haifa

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The slump in the shipping business hasn't deterred Israel from moving ahead to become a more important factor among nations who draw a great deal of their sustenance from the sea.

FOLLOWING announcement of a joint tuna fishing venture with a Japanese fishing firm, the finance ministry has announced plans to construct a shipbuilding yard at Haifa, and to order a second huge tanker from Japan.

In both ventures Japanese capital will be combined with Israeli shipping interests. The first stage of the yard's construction will cost about \$10 million. Of this sum, a Japanese concern will invest about 30 percent by providing the necessary equipment. There is a possibility that French interests will also participate in the form of technical know-how.

THE 47,000-TON tanker will cost Israel \$7 million, \$1.5 million less than the first one purchased.

Left Wingers
Renounce
USSR as Moral

GIVAT HAVIVA, Israel (P-O) — One of the last strongholds of communism in Israel gave way before the apparent enmity of Russia for Israel this week at the fifth world conference of Hashomer Hatzair, the left wing youth movement of Mapam.

THE DELEGATES heard S. Ben-Dor outline a departure which means the movement's breaking away from the Russian system as the ideal of Socialism. "We must educate toward a moral Socialism," he declared.

THE HASHOMER HATZAIR kibbutzim are still among the most vigorous in Israel, and their idealism still draws pioneers from the West.

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In 1941, Mrs. Altschul and her late husband established the Altschul foundation to aid existing institutions. She also was a vice-president of Bronx Hospital and a founder of Hillside (Queens) Hospital.

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Names in the News

Actor to Teach Speech to Rabbinical Students

A professional actor will teach speech to aspiring rabbinical candidates at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Dr. Nelson Glueck president announced the appointment to the faculty of John Phillip Swander speech therapist who has toured the country with Maurice Evans and appeared on Broadway with Charles Laughton.

Half a loaf is better than none figures Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin of Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills Cal., who told his congregation in the bulletin that he appealed to them "to resolve to attend services at least once a month."



Zeldin

I realize the press of time," conceded Rabbi Zeldin who recently succeeded to the pulpit which was occupied by the late Rabbi Bernard Harrison.

New laurels came to one of the finest Jewish communities in the U. S. when Walter A. Haas Sr., and Mrs. Clara Hellman Heller, were awarded honorary doctor of law degrees by the University of California, at Berkeley.

Haas is president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula and Marin County, and of the San Francisco Park and Recreation Commission. Mrs. Heller has given support to the university research projects and was a leader at UC's International House. Her father, son and brother-in-law were university regents and her brother was the university's treasurer for 13 years.

ARTHUR WEYNE, former publisher of the Atlantic City Jewish Record has assumed the position of managing editor of the B'nai B'rith Messenger Los Angeles local Anglo-Jewish weekly. The author of two books, Wayne served the National Jewish Welfare Board in the public relations department and was editor of The Exponent, community-owned weekly of Philadelphia.

Negro entertainer Sammy Davis Jr., who at one time expressed a desire to become a Jew has been named 1958 "citizen of the year" by the Los Angeles Home for the Aged.

Davis, who frequently volunteers his services for charitable causes, will receive the award at the organization's annual dinner in Beverly Hills, Oct. 21. Previously honored have been Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Dean Martin and Eddie Cantor.



Davis

Joining the ranks of such distinguished men as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Harvard president Nathan M. Pusey is Harvard senior James Matisoff who's essay won first place in the Bowdoin Prizes, Harvard's oldest and most coveted literary honor.

Awarded in the fields of English and Classics, the prizes are derived from a bequest of James Bowdoin, former governor of Massachusetts and a 1745 Harvard graduate.

Grandmaster chess champion Samuel Reshevsky will travel to Israel to play in an international tournament, sponsored by the Israel Chess Federation in November.

Reshevsky, who will be sponsored by the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, will play against grandmasters from Israel, Argentina, Hungary, Holland, Yugoslavia and Russia.

WHY THANKSGIVING FALLS ON THURSDAYS

NEW YORK (P-O) — Did you ever know why Thanksgiving always falls on Thursday?

The Newsletter of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues explained that the Pilgrims who inaugurated the Thanksgiving holiday, as every school child knows, considered themselves later-day Israelites.

Because the Pilgrims wanted Thanksgiving to be a holiday for all faiths they decided to avoid Sunday the Christian Sabbath, Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, and even Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and chose Thursday instead.

And in case you don't know, your Sunday school child will tell you that the Jewish holiday of the Feast of the Harvest, Sukkot, was the forerunner of Thanksgiving.

Church, State Separation Not Possible In Israel

ATLANTA, Ga. (P-O) — The American concept of the separation of Church and State cannot be transferred to Israel, Edward M. Kahn, executive director of Atlanta's major Jewish agencies, reported in the Southern Israelite here.

Writing from Israel, Kahn said that to attempt such a separation would "damage . . . the historical development of Israel and . . . the very nature of Judaism itself."

Kahn saw the problem as the need to attain "a balance between freedom of choice and a sense of ethical responsibility."

"IF THE Jewish religion is a way of life," he wrote, "and one of good deeds of mitzvot, then it is inevitable that a good many

of the practices will become accepted as the pattern of law."

"In Israel, Jews are free to practice Judaism all the way," says Kahn. For those whose piety demands a total commitment the practice is authentic. Even so, the dominant force in the country is not Orthodox Judaism.

HE POINTS to evidence of a lessening of anti-religious sentiment since many more kibbutzim are holding Oneg Shabbats and celebrating Jewish holidays.

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THOUGHT BURNED IN OLD TEMPLE FIRE

'Destroyed' Records Reveal Rabbi's Fight for Free Speech

By NORMAN A. KING

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (P-O)

--From a dark, dusty corner of the choir loft in Temple B'rith Kodesh, of Rochester, N. Y., a long-lost treasure trove of historical documents has come to light.

It is an accumulation of ledgers, papers and documents believed to have been burned in a fire nearly half a century ago—prized by historians for the glimpse they offer of one aspect of Rochester's early religious life.

B'RITH KODESH was founded in 1848, one of the first Reform Jewish congregations in the nation. As the years passed, it became one of the most influential. Books and records concerned with temple activities during the early days were on

hand when fire swept Gibbs St. on April 13, 1909.

In that fire, a \$500,000 blaze that is rated among Rochester's most disastrous the Kenning Bldg., one temple, two churches and 70 houses were destroyed. It had been thought for many years that the B'rith Kodesh records were lost in the conflagration.

But a few days ago, in the course of a renovating program now under way in the temple, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein, assistant to Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, happened upon a large wooden crate, tucked carefully away in a remote recess in back of the choir loft.

APPROPRIATELY enough, there is an entire file on the transactions necessary for building the present temple at Gibbs and Grove Sts. Today the temple is considering plans to build a new structure at another site.

Correspondence in the files discloses that in 1901 the temple's board of trustees passed a resolution to quit the union Thanksgiving service which the temple had been holding for

many years with Unitarian, Universalist and Congregational churches.

THE TRUSTEES were upset because of "the subversive teachings" of a Congregational pastor. They sent the resolution along to Dr. Max Landsberg, rabbi from 1870 to 1915.

His reply, handwritten in May of 1901, said in part: "I was very much pained to receive this resolution which, I am sure, is the result of hastiness and irritation and which I hope you will see fit not only to reconsider but to expunge from your minutes which should not contain a record of intolerance altogether unworthy of our positions as Jews and as Americans."

"IT IS THE GLORY of our country that it allows freedom of speech to all; and this is certainly the best safety valve for society. The most violent explosions of socialistic temper are not by far as dangerous as repression. The truth will certainly best be served by free discussion. . . . I (too) am diametrically opposed to many of his (the pastor's) teachings. But

why should we set ourselves up as judges of the opinion of our fellow men?"

"We Jews ought to be particularly careful, for more than any other class of men, we had to suffer from just such prejudices and intolerance; and we are still suffering from it, simply because others believed we were totally wrong while they were surely right."

THE RESULT was that the board of trustees reconsidered. The Thanksgiving service has continued to this day.

After the records have been put in order they will be sent to the American Jewish Archives, largest repository for Jewish American history data, in Cincinnati, where they will be micro-filmed and then returned here.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Oh, What Women Could Put On Their Expense Accounts!

By HELEN COHEN

Presidents of women's organizations not only give of their time and energy but not infrequently must dig into their pocketbooks for extra expenses. And appreciative co-workers usually vote to defray some of these expenses. Such as, I understand, installing another phone in the home if the husband's work (such as a physician) requires that the phone be kept open.

That started me thinking. What would be some other items that could be included in the president's expense account?

And about the services of a maid when the lady falls exhausted into bed?

VITAMIN PILLS? The doctor bill the time he advises her to cut down on her activities and relax more? Hair do and manicures (one's leader should always be presentable)? Sessions at the Slenderella salon (same reason)?

Can't think of any way she can be repaid for neglecting her children, unless, of course, they are older and don't need too much of her time.

But how about a pretty new gown to placate a neglected husband?

But don't get me wrong. All of our organizations do good work. And they all need leaders as well as loyal, devoted workers.

Jewish Names 'Nice' Now, If Non-Jews Use Them First

You can't say some odd twists haven't come out of American Jewry's varying degrees of loyalty to Judaism — when it comes to naming one's offspring.

For instance, I heard of a couple, obviously positive Jews, who had a new daughter. And they decided to name her Ra-

chel, after her grandmother whose English name had been Rose, based on the Hebrew, Rachel. Which should have pleased everyone. Rachel — a fine, classic, Biblical name. But no, the grandpa was hurt. What, he wanted to know, would have been wrong with just naming her Rose?

I CAN EVEN come close to home. I was expecting our seventh when we lost my father, Ilis Hebrew name had been Tzvi Hirsch, but in English it was Herman. When our daughter was born, my decision to call her Hermine was influenced mostly by the wish to come as close to his name as possible.

Of one thing we can be certain. Historians of the future will be struck with the fact that while the Jewish population of today may not be ashamed of retaining a Jewish-sounding surname—Levi or Cohen or Kaplan (though not a few go in for modifying these, too) the first names on the whole are goyish with a flourish. Why we'll even consider such choices as David and Michael and Deborah, as long as the non-Jews get there first.

I DON'T WANT to leave the subject of names without telling you about a really peculiar twist which came out of the tide of immigration a couple of generations ago. In those days the newcomers, unfamiliar with the English language and ill-at-ease in the strange land, usually tried not too successfully at times, to transpose their foreign name to its closest English equivalent. But these three brothers must have gotten really confused, because they ended up with three different surnames—Levi, Levy and Levine—but all three used the same first name, Sam.

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The National Jewish POST and OPINION Visits

AKRON, OHIO

Affiliation in Akron 80 Per Cent; Jews Well Integrated

By KEN JACOBSON

Heavily industrialized Akron, the "Rubber Capital of the World" and the largest trucking center in the nation, has a Jewish population of 6,500.

BUSINESS, industrial, political and religious leaders agree that it would be difficult to find a city where Jews are better integrated.

Although the Jewish population has been moving outward toward the newer West Hill section, nowhere in this city of 308,000 is there a preponderance of Jewish families.

AKRON HAS no Ghetto.

Akron's Jews are proud of their heritage. Of the 1,800 families, 1,450 or about 80 per cent are affiliated with the five synagogues.

IN ADDITION, Akron boasts a fine Jewish Center (membership, 3,828) that also serves the entire community as a cultural hub for good amateur theater and top-caliber concerts by artists of international repute.

As a cultural center for all, it ranks second only behind the University of Akron.

THE FIVE houses of worship are Temple Israel, Reform; Beth El, Conservative; Anshe Sfard, Ahavas Zedek and New Hebrew Congregation, all Orthodox.

Largest of these is Beth El with some 600 families, followed by Temple Israel, 550; Anshe Sfard, 240; Ahavas Zedek, 50, and New Hebrew, 10.

RABBI NORMAN N. SHAPIRO is the spiritual leader of Beth El. The other rabbis are Morton M. Applebaum, Temple Israel; Abraham Leibtag, Anshe Sfard, and S. Rabinowitz, Ahavas Zedek. New Hebrew has no rabbi.

No studies have been made here to break down the Jewish population according to major

occupations. But Jews are represented in practically every facet of life. They are prominent in the professions in business and in industry.

Kashrut Observers Believed On Decline

As elsewhere in the nation, the number of families observing kashrut is not impressive and is probably on the decline.

Religious leaders are hesitant to pin down the actual number of families that keep kosher households (the best estimates range from 15 to 30 per cent). But they say there is a small, tight nucleus who will observe kashrut, no matter what the cost.

Staunchest of these are the members of Ahavas Zedek, a congregation that prides itself with being 100 per cent kosher.

RESURGENCE OF JUDAISM SEEN GENUINE

AFFILIATION with the synagogues has spiraled since World War II.

ALTHOUGH the gaining of social status may have something to do with it, the rabbis generally agree that there has been a genuine resurgence of Jewish feeling and consciousness.

They point out that not only have memberships reached an all-time high, but that more families are attending services than ever before — not just on the high holidays but also on Saturday.

THE LIKE and dislike of the rabbi is also an important factor, of course.

One Doesn't Lead To The Other

Intermarriage Low, But Not Interdating

Intermarriage is fairly rare here, the rabbis say.

ALTHOUGH there is more interdating than there was 10 years ago, parents and religious

leaders do not view this with particular alarm.

The reason: Experience shows that interdating seldom leads to intermarriage.

IN SPITE of strong and active youth groups sponsored by the synagogues and the Jewish Center interdating is becoming a natural phenomenon, say religious leaders.

As in the case of intermarriage they feel interdating is concomitant with the problems of "a melting pot society."

RABBI LEIBTAG sums up the reaction when he says: "It is almost impossible to expect our youngsters to stay socially aloof with their non Jewish friends when they are exposed to them daily in school activities."

He believes that "to arrest this problem is a rabbinical and synagogue concern and although we may not stem the tide we can, I feel, become constructive channels in our common problem."

JEW PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN CIVIC LIFE

Jews play active roles in every phase of Akron's civic life. They helped to organize the Community Chest then were instrumental in the establishment of the United Fund, regarded nationally as a model fund-raising organization.

AKRON has a veteran Jewish councilman, Atty. Nathan Koplin.

Jews are active in the various social agencies (including the YMCA and YWCA) and serve on numerous volunteer boards. The executive editor of the city's only newspaper, John S. Knight's influential Akron Beacon Journal, is a Jew.

NO RESPONSIBLE adult contends that Akron is entirely free of anti-Semitism, but examples are hard to find. The only concrete evidence is the presence of a country club which officially bars Jews.

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He attributed the action to a general economy drive, but conceded that business had been "very good" lately.

REPRESENTATIVES of other international airlines here expressed amazement at the action. They reported that they worked closely with the TWA office here, turning over a great deal of

business to them for connecting flights where their own lines did not operate.

PIPELINE HURTS BUSINESS

An Israeli freighter and tanker company has been forced to lay up its tankers, including a new ship, the Ga'aton, which made only a maiden voyage, carrying oil from Ashdod to Haifa, because oil in Israel now is being pumped through pipes.

GOLDMANN IN ISRAEL

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist organization, arrived in Israel aboard the SS. Theodor Herzl.

Akron Development as Jewish Community Not Unlike That of Most in United States

By KEN JACOBSON

Akron's Jewish community had its beginnings in the 1850s, but it was not until 1865 that the first religious organization was formed—the Akron Hebrew Association, forerunner of the present Temple Israel.

THE ASSOCIATION rented a room on Howard Street for a meeting place and for services. Although few in number the Association's members played an important role in the economic and cultural life of the city.

One of the best-known Jewish pioneers was Jacob Koch a short, dapper man who drove around town in a carriage drawn by a span of buff-colored horses.

A MEMBER of the oldest Jewish mercantile firm in Akron, Koch responded to the call of Governor Brough in 1862 for

troops to repel the threatened invasion of Ohio by Rebel Gen. Kirby Smith.

But Koch at heart was a peaceful man. He was a trustee on the board of Akron's first hospital and an active member of the Hebrew Association.

THROUGH such men, the Jewish community quickly blossomed. Temple Israel acquired its own building in 1885, then in 1912 moved into a new structure, the first specially built synagogue in Akron.

The same year the Akron lodge of B'nai B'rith was organized. Ahavas Zedek Congregation had its beginnings in 1917 and another Orthodox group, Anshe Sfard, erected a house of worship in 1920.

MEANWHILE, the pattern of resistance to Orthodox services and beliefs began to be felt in Akron. A group of men affiliated with the Sons of Peace, second oldest religious body in Akron, withdrew from that unit to form the Anshe Emeth Congregation, destined to become

the Conservative Beth El Congregation—now the city's largest.

In 1922 a Jewish Center was proposed, but because of differences in conception—community center or synagogue—the project was abandoned. In 1924, the controversy having cooled, a corporation was established which made possible the building of the Center some five years later.

THE MAJOR physical development in the community came after World War II. Anshe Sfard Congregation built a new synagogue in 1950 and Beth El completed a new structure in 1951. The Jewish Center built a major addition in 1953 and Ahavas Zedek recently acquired new quarters.

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Community Center Is Central Meeting Place

Akron's Jewish Center is a modern physical education plant (including swimming pool), a nursery, large auditorium, offices and classrooms.

A major addition was completed in 1953 and last month the facilities were again expanded with the purchase of a 48-acre tract on White Pond drive near Mull Ave. to meet recreational needs.



Flaksman Since 1944, the Center's staff has been headed by Executive Director Leslie Flaksman. During this period, the institution's membership has soared from 1486 to 3828 and the annual budget from \$46,854 to \$183,964.

THE BUILDING houses a mod-

The Center, of course, is the meeting place of most of the Jewish organizations.

THE CENTER is a United

Fund agency, which gave full approval to last month's acquisition of the play site for about \$40,000. The site will be dedicated in memory of Morris Sacks, a Center past president and a leading figure in the community until his death a year ago.

COMMUNITY GROWING, HAS TOP FUND-RAISING RECORD

The Jewish community is a growing one, largely because of the healthy social and economic climate that prevails.

The best proof of this growth can be seen in the larger memberships and the increased pattern of contributions to Jewish causes.

In the past 10 years more than \$5,000,000 has been raised for Jewish causes. There is almost 100 per cent coverage for the Jewish Welfare Fund alone.

Nathan Pinsky, who serves in the dual capacity of director of both the Jewish Welfare Fund and Jewish Family Service agency of the United Fund, believes that when it comes to giving, Akron Jews rate second to none.



Pinsky

Pinsky is optimistic the trend will continue.

"Fund raising is never easy," he says. But he credits the success here to "hard work and effective administration."

Israel To Use Live Polio Vaccine in 1959

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Israel, which was hit hard by a severe polio epidemic this year, will experiment with live polio vaccine next year, the Israel pediatric conference here was told.

Dr. N. Goldbloom, director of the government laboratory in Jaffa, said that it will be used as a booster shot to Salk injections.

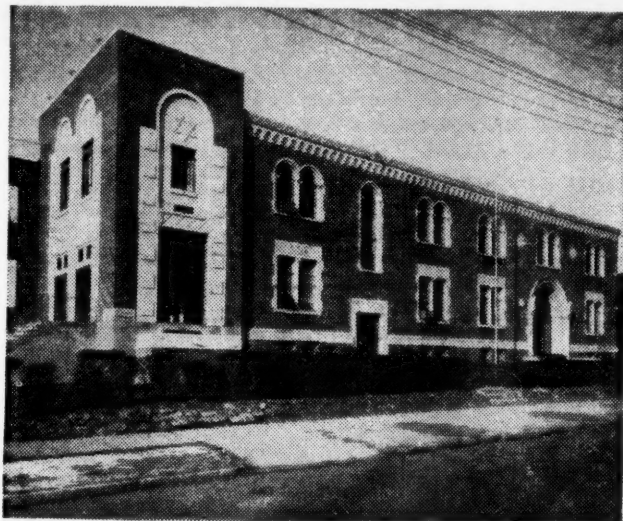
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Sugar Cane Growing Test Is Huge Success

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Israel scored again in its fight to become self-sufficient in foods when a 12,000-ton sugar cane crop, grown experimentally, was harvested in the Hula and Jordan Valleys.

The ministry of agriculture reported that Israel consumes about 55,000 tons of sugar cane annually, which heretofore had to be imported. Israel refines her own sugar at two mills, which up until now have operated only for 70 days a year.

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Truthful Rabbi Finds He Can Write On Only One Side of Situation

Editor's note: Rabbi Applebaum was asked to give his views on the difficulties and satisfactions of a rabbi in a community like Akron.

By RABBI MORTON M. APPLEBAUM

You asked for it... something "of the satisfactions and the difficulties which face a rabbi in a community the size of Akron."

AS THE RABBI of one of the finest Reform congregations in the country, in one of the best Jewish communities in the land, I accept the assignment.

Satisfactions and difficulties which face a rabbi, whether in Akron or elsewhere, are, in my humble judgment, contingent upon "sechel," humility, a sense of values, a sense of humor, and a controlled ego.

BLESSED is the rabbi, wherever he may be, if he possesses these qualities. Then should his satisfactions far outnumber difficulties. However, if he feels that he is "too big" for his congregation, must have something "bigger," then are satisfactions nil and difficulties and causes for ulcers maximal.

The rabbi who just can't get along with people in "Podunk" will probably be unable to get along with the people in Akron or in any of the larger congregations in the larger cities.

IF THIS sounds like the words of a "satisfied rabbi"—it is so. But what are "the satisfactions... in a community the size of Akron?"

OURS IS a recognized outstanding Jewish community. Most of our Jews are Jewish. My own congregation of 575 families, a medium size congregation, is the only Reform congregation in the community. It is a congregation blessed with a lay leadership which is responsive to anything which will increase and enhance Jewish performance.

The rabbi is respected as its spiritual leader and is looked to for leadership. Recommended changes for the intensification of religious observance and Jewish education are not resisted as a "going back to Orthodoxy."

THIS IS not to say that the rabbi's recommendations are ipso facto honored by all of his flock.

But his opinions are respected and his motives manifestly appreciated.

Thus it was that the rabbi's recommendations for the engagement of a cantor, the holding of all Jewish worship services (evenings and mornings) according to the religious calendar, the institution of Sabbath morning in addition to the late Friday evening service, more Hebrew in the religious school, etc., came about without resistance. The results have also been most satisfying.

A RABBI in a community the size of Akron can get to know his people more intimately. However, if he perches himself on a self-erected inch-high scaffolding of greatness, he denies himself that satisfaction.

Can a rabbi in a community

the size of Akron have his own intimate friends?

YES, HE can. I have.

I anticipated this in my initial message to the congregation, and made clear that within time I would undoubtedly cultivate some intimate friends. This would come about through reciprocation of friendship shown me. The congregation seems not to have forgotten these words and no difficulties have been experienced because of the intimate friends that are ours.

A RABBI in a community the size of Akron can enjoy a fine relationship with his rabbinical colleagues. This is one of my great satisfactions in Akron. To say that there is no spirit of competition between the congregations would be to gild the lily. But the competition is good as

it keeps all of us "on our toes." But it is not devious. The rabbis of our community stand out to the rest of the community for exemplary co-operation. This, too, accentuates satisfactions and eliminates difficulties.

A rabbi in a community like Akron can be justly proud of its fund raising record for Jewish causes, for the wonderful Jewish Center it maintains, for its outstanding Jewish welfare agencies, its outstanding lay leadership in civic endeavors.

FOR WHAT the larger cities have to offer in the way of cultural interests, Cleveland is close by.

But what about "the difficulties which face a rabbi in a community the size of Akron?"

WHO SAYS there has to be difficulties?

Negro Housing Challenge to North, Reform Jews Told

NEW YORK (P-O) — Acting on a resolution which told Reform Jews "to follow non-segregated practices in the selling, buying and leasing of residential housing," the commission on social action of Reform Judaism this week asserted that the "problems of segregated housing are 'as serious a challenge to Northern communities as is segregated schools to the South.'"

I. Cyrus Gordon of New York, commission chairman, pointed out that, "housing is in the North what the public schools have become in the South—the testing place for democratic freedom and full equality."

Gordon declared that: "This report is a reminder of the un-

finished business which awaits us in each of our communities and which confronts the synagogue and the church with an unavoidable trial—the challenge of effective social action."

MOSCOW GREETINGS LATE

New Year greetings from the chief rabbi of Moscow to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel, previously reported as not received for the first time in many years, arrived late.

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INCIDENTAL EVENT BECAME MOST POPULAR OF '10TH ANNIVERSARY'

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—Now that the tumult and the shouting have died down somewhat, Israelis have begun to take stock of the first half of the 10th anniversary year which already has elapsed. There



Alpert

are still six more months to go, and the committees in charge have promised us a full quota of events and celebrations.

Observance of Israel's 10th anniversary

fell into two major categories: those events and activities which took place abroad, and those which occurred within Israel's borders.

OBVIOUSLY, we are in no po-

sition to judge what happened overseas except to the degree that there was a result which we could measure, as for instance tourism. There is no doubt in anyone's mind here that the public relations program in this respect was highly successful. A total of 58,000 visitors was chalked up in these first six months, though if the truth be told, the country had been primed for more.

The peak was, of course, reached around Independence Day in the spring, but for the remainder of the summer there was always ample room at major hotels. The manager of one leading hotel told me the other day that thousands of prospective tourists had been frightened off by fear that there would be no

room—yet inquiry would have revealed ample space.

THE TOURIST office had mobilized many hundreds of rooms with private families, to be used in case of emergency. For the most part, these were not called for.

We know that newspapers and magazines in many parts of the world utilized the occasion of the anniversary to call attention to the young democracy's struggle for survival, and the commentary was almost universally favorable.

We are told that special celebrations of all kinds were held in important American cities, but little has appeared in the local press about these events. Center of attention, almost naturally, has been given to those events in which the residents of the state took a part. A few words about these are in order.

THE VIGILANTLY critical Israeli public was prepared to launch its barbs at the organizing committee almost from the outset. Too much money was being spent; the celebrations were not in good taste; political parties were exploiting the situation; there was too much mili-

tarism; the plans had been poorly drawn up.

It is impossible to embark upon a program as broad and sweeping as the one projected without making some blunders and stepping on some toes, but in retrospect it can now be said that the mistakes were amazingly few.

THE BUDGET which had been provided for the scores of activities, big and little, in every corner of the country, today seems almost fantastically inadequate for what was achieved.

The objection that a time when Israel was still facing grave military and economic difficulties was not proper for the staging of "circuses" was discarded when the public realized that the building of Israeli morale was an important part of national strength.

WHEN THE personnel of the anniversary committee was first announced, many had grave misgivings that some individuals, with notorious reputations as profligate spenders, would take the bit in their teeth and try to out-Hollywood Hollywood with gargantuan spectacles. It appears that temperate tastes and prudent personalities were dominant, though without lack of

imagination. Many here believe that the lion's share of the credit should be given to Teddy Kollek, a young man of ideas, initiative and many jobs, among the latter being the post of director-general of the prime minister's office.

IT IS TRUE that the military influence was dominant in many of the events, from the big independence day parade, down through the exciting parachutists' exhibition. Yet the great dance festival at Dalia, and the Zimria choral events were not the only cultural items. The international Bible quiz had originally been scheduled as an incidental event, but it seized the popular imagination, and became the most popular and most successful proceeding of the year.

Politics was utterly lacking, which was all the more surprising since this was a pre-election year. Only at one local celebration, staged at the port of Haifa, did the audience get the feeling that it was present at a disguised political rally.

In all, the first six months have been so successful that I am almost ready to forgive the committee for not sending me a ticket to the Bible quiz finals.

Board of Education Member Sees Schools Closing on High Holidays

By SANDY GOODMAN

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y. (P-O)—A member of the board of education here has expressed the opinion that public schools throughout the Eastern Seaboard some day will be closed on Jewish High Holy Days.

Dr. Arthur Taft, who is in charge of veterans affairs at City College in New York, made the assertion at a school board meeting after a resident had complained that it was unfair to penalize Jewish teachers financially for holiday absences.

Teachers here who take the Holy Days off receive full pay, under a provision of the school by-laws that all employees are allowed 3½ days' absence annually at half-rate "for personal reasons."

THOSE IN several near-by communities receive full salary.

The complaint was made by Martin Lobenthal, a teacher in the New York City school system. After he voiced it, Dr. Taft replied: "What I think you are leading up to is to close the schools on Jewish holidays. I think this is going to happen eventually throughout the Eastern Seaboard."

MR. LOBENTHAL denied he had this in mind. Dr. Taft noted that City College is closed on the High Holy Days.

The salary matter, which had also been discussed two years ago with no action taken, was referred to a committee, with the recommendation that it be passed on to the local teachers' association.

LOOKING BACKWARD

15,000 German Jews Flee Sudeten German Districts

20 YEARS AGO

Some 15,000 out of 22,000 Jews fled the Sudeten German districts . . . One of the most disastrous years in the history of modern Palestine was ushered out as 237 Jews were slain. The Arab rebellion showed no signs of abatement.

10 YEARS AGO

The struggle to win complete security for the Jewish state might require as much as another decade of Zionist efforts, the top brass of the Zionist Organization of America warned . . . Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Palestine mediator, was assassinated by members of the Homeland Front, a splinter, ultra-terrorist element of the dissident Sternist group. Israel moved swiftly to erase the peril of armed dissidents . . . A charge that the Israel government was responsible for Count Bernadotte's murder marked the first move as temporary mediator by Ralph Bunche, U. S. member of the truce commission.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The American Maccabiah team covered itself with glory at the fourth world Maccabiah in Tel Aviv but was not expected to win . . . Israelis remained unperturbed by a U. S. request that Israel obey a UN order to

stop working on the Jordan River canal.

ONE YEAR AGO

All is love and kisses in Zionism, declared Dr. Miriam Freund, Hadassah president, as the World Zionist confederation split on the issue of affiliation with the General Zionist party in Israel, the Zionist Organization of America decided not to relinquish affiliation, and Hadassah and overseas Zionist organizations planned to set up a rival confederation with no political ties with Israel . . . Chaim Suller, manager of the Communist Yiddish paper, the Morning Freiheit, blasted Russia's clampdown on Yiddish culture in an article in—of all places—the Daily Worker . . . Forty-year-old Henry Laskau, veteran walking champion from New York, took his third straight Maccabiah 3000-meter title in Tel Aviv, and retired . . . A New Jersey bill requiring school children to say grace before meals was attacked by the American Jewish congress . . . Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky of Oheb Shalom congregation in Newark, N. J., denounced a Saturday golf tournament to spur the sale of Israel bonds.

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What Foods These Morsels Be

WITH CHILL IN THE AIR, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SOUP ON HAND

By SARAH LIEBER

There's enough chill these evenings to make us think of a fire in the fireplace. A beautiful time of year, autumn. Time for committee meetings. All sorts of activities beginning now that the yomim tovim are over. And with the crisp air,



Sarah we get renewed energy to do the work. A heartier appetite greets us, too, when the youngsters get home for lunch. It is a good idea from now on to have a pot of soup of some sort on hand. It provides a nourishing and filling luncheon, with only a sandwich or salad supplying the needed additional nutritive values. And to start a fall dinner, what is more welcome than a

steaming bowl or cup of soup? For a milhig meal soup provides that stick-to-the-ribs quality we often miss when there is no meat. And with a fleishig meal, it is a good idea to plan a clear, less hearty soup. Sometimes just a cupful is a good starter.

There are very good commercially processed soups, canned and dehydrated, which come in handy on busy days. A little imagination in combining these canned soups gives them a novel flavor.

LENTIL SOUP

2 cups dry lentils
3 quarts water
3 lbs. beef brisket
½ cup diced celery
2 tbsps. schmaltz or shortening
2 tbsps. flour
¼ tsp. pepper
1 onion, sliced
2 tps. salt
Wash lentils and soak over-

night in water to cover. Drain, add three quarts water and the meat. Heat to the boiling point, then lower heat to simmer point. Simmer for two hours or until meat and lentils are tender. Remove the meat and skim the stock. Saute the onion in the schmaltz or shortening. Blend in flour, salt and pepper and stir until smooth. Blend in one cup of the soup stock. Cook until thick and smooth then add to the remainder of the soup stock. Meat may be cut up and served in the soup, or used for another dish. Serves 6 to 8.

GOULASH SOUP

3 tbsps. fat
½ lb. lean beef, cubed
1 onion, diced
1 carrot, diced
1 parsnip diced
1 green pepper, diced
2 quarts water
1 tsp. paprika
½ tsp. caraway seeds

½ cup sauerkraut
5 tomatoes, diced
Saute the meat and vegetables in the fat only until they change color, not enough to brown them. Add the water. Bring to the boiling point, then lower flame to simmer point. Simmer about one hour or until the meat is tender. Add tomatoes, kraut and seasoning. Taste and add salt and pepper as desired. Serves 4 to 6.

MILHIG BEAN SOUP

¾ cup pea beans, washed
3 cups water
1½ tps. salt
¾ cup diced potato
½ cup chopped onion
1 tbsps. flour
¾ cup canned tomatoes
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 tbsps. butter or margarine
1½ cups milk
Soak beans in water overnight or at least six hours. Add salt and cook until beans are almost tender, about one hour. Add potato and onion and cook 20 minutes longer. Mix flour with a little of the tomato and add to the beans. Blend carefully, then add remaining tomato, green pepper and butter. Cook 10 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally. Stir in milk and reheat. Serve at once. Serves four to six.

CABBAGE AND CRANBERRY SOUP

1 cup picked-over fresh cranberries
1 cup cold water
2 cups shredded cabbage
3 cups water
3 tbsps. lemon juice or vinegar
4 tbsps. brown sugar
1 tsp. salt
Cook the cranberries in one cup of cold water in a covered

pan for three to five minutes or until they burst their skins. Put through a strainer or fruit press. Add the ingredients in the order listed and cook about 10 minutes or until the cabbage is tender. Stir an egg yolk into each serving for a parve soup. Or stir in sour cream if desired for milhig meal.

LAMB AND BARLEY SOUP

2 lbs. breast of lamb, cut up
2 tps. salt
½ tsp. whole black peppercorns
¾ cup pearl barley
2 cups diced celery
1½ cups diced carrots
¾ cup diced turnip
3 onions, chopped
2 quarts water
pepper and dried thyme to taste

Brown the lamb and pour off excess fat. Add water, salt, pepper and barley. Bring to a boil and then lower heat to simmer point. Simmer until meat is tender, about one hour. Skim soup. Add vegetables and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer ½ hour. Adjust salt, and add pepper and thyme to taste. Meat may be removed, if desired, or cut off bones and returned to soup for serving. Serves six.

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Sunday, Oct. 12, 12:30 p. m. (EST) — "Four-and-a-Half Feet of Faith," about the late Hannah Solomon of Chicago, a leading figure in women's rights and social welfare movements in this country and one of the founders of the National Council of Jewish Women, by Marc Siegel, on the Eternal Light program, NBC.



BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Fanny Hurst Story Includes Early Education, Married Life, Brushes with Anti-Semitism

ANATOMY OF ME, by Fanny Hurst, \$5.00 (Doubleday).

Miss Hurst's literary excellence is fully indicated in her life story, with its variations of frankness and reticence.

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husband Jacques Danielson. Never fully explained is the separate lives they led after marriage. Except for family opposition to intermarriage and occasional encounters with anti-Semitism, the Jewish content is negligible. But the narrative itself, showing Miss Hurst's varied existence among all groups of Americans, many helpful movements, and the top world of writing, is an outstanding excursion into autobiography, meriting the interest of all the millions of her readers.

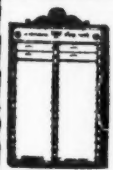
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One might not expect such down-to-earth frankness on matters of sex and marriage from a pious and learned rabbi. But such inhibitions are no longer operative, and Dr. Drazin's counsels and case histories—generally founded upon Jewish law and lore—render this volume useful for the generality of men and women. Here are ancient rules and modern psychiatry, physicians of the body who fail to understand the human soul and its impulses, and a clergyman who has achieved vast success in guiding married folk to happiness. Thorough, sympathetic, and of permanent merit.

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SIPPURIM YAFIM, by H. A. Friedland, \$1.00 (Cleveland BJE).

First of a fine illustrated volume of stories in Hebrew for Jewish youth, by a distinguished late educator.

BY THEIR FRUITS, by Howard Manisch, \$3.95 (Crown).

Manisch is a Cincinnati Manischewitz. His novel of a Massachusetts family of 11 children of a vile father, of the four who died violently, of the others who became criminals of various sorts, and who—as related by Matthew Woodruff, the son who became a pseudo-minister and revivalist—were more or less regenerated in the end—is unique among contemporary novels. A candidate for best-sellerdom.

THE ISRAEL YEAR BOOK, 1958, \$5.75 (Israel Publications).

In co-operation with the Jewish Agency, incorporating the older Palestine Yearbook, Israeli Annual, and Anglo-Palestine Yearbook, and edited by a capable board headed by L. Berger, this publication remains the definitive compendium of information on the Agency, government, law, history, economics, finance, health, sports, science and culture, education, politics, commerce, education, social service, and progress on air, land, and sea, in the Jewish state.

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There is a special section on Tel Aviv, celebrating its jubilee in 1959; and photographs abound. For all Zionists, par-

ticularly those who would travel or build in Israel.

THE NATURE OF PREJUDICE, by Gordon W. Allport, \$1.45 (Doubleday-Anchor).

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SPIEGEL (a mirror) is a family name derived from a Frankfurt family of the 16th century. The ghetto in Frankfurt, Germany was filled with tall narrow houses each of which bore a sign, instead of a number for identification. One house was provided with a mirror as an identifying mark, and its tenants were wont to identify themselves as inhabitants of the Spiegel house. Since their mail was addressed to the Spiegel house for centuries they soon acquired this description as a sort of unofficial family name. Later when the Jews of Frankfurt adopted permanent family names, the name Spiegel was chosen, just as Rothschild was chosen for the family inhabiting the "House of the Red Shield" in the same ghetto.

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DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I am a student at Muhlenberg

College and our library does not contain the information I am seeking. I have looked for the origin of my surname which is Markoe. My father emigrated to this country from Russia at the turn of the century. I have heard that our name could have been changed from Tamarkin. Thank you for your help.—ARNOLD MARKOE, Allentown, Pa.

TAMARKIN is a well known Russian Jewish family name.

It is a metronymic derived from the given name of a matriarch. Her name in your case was Tamara, a Russian version of the Hebrew Tamar, a date palm. In the 18th and 19th centuries it was not all rare for a Jewish woman to be the head of the family, the breadwinner and leader. When Russian Jews adopted permanent family names under the Czar's decree in 1804 your ancestors chose the name of their matriarch, adding the Russian suffix of "kin" which denotes descent.

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ANSWER TO MR. GOODMAN

(See Letter in Freedom of Press Section)

We're happy to get the letter from Abraham Goodman, chairman of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, in reply to our editorials challenging the attempt to re-elect Dr. Emanuel Neumann for a third consecutive term as president.

THIS IS THE democratic way—to let the membership know the facts and decide the issue on the basis of the merits of the situation.

Mr. Goodman in defending the action of his committee argues that the group's support of a constitutional change was handled in a proper manner. We didn't say that the way in which this resolution was passed was undemocratic.

OUR POSITION, stated as simply as we can do it, is that the NEC should keep hands off of any election. A fair analogy would be if the U. S. Congress or the Cabinet or the Supreme Court, the three major branches of our government were to act in favor of one candidate or another in the election of the President of the U. S.

There is one place in which Mr. Goodman evades, and in a frank discussion like this we don't believe this is becoming. If he and his committee sincerely believe that a two-year term of office is inadequate, then they might not even find *The POST* and *OPINION* challenging them. All they need do is to put through a change in the constitution which would go into effect after the present President had retired.

BUT THE plain truth of the matter is that this is not a fight over the limitation of the presidency to two years, but an effort to keep Dr. Neumann at the helm of the organization.

Mr. Goodman lists the achievements of Dr. Neumann during the past two years. We haven't commented on Dr. Neumann's record, as this is beside the point. But since the matter has arisen, we might state that during Dr. Neumann's tenure of office, the organization has moved from one serious financial crisis to another.

WHETHER Dr. Neumann is to be blamed or not for this is also beside the point. He is the president and it is his job to keep the organization functioning on all fronts. Not the least of these is the ability to meet its commitments.

Whether the organization has risen to the heights that Mr. Goodman seems to feel it has during the past two years, is a debatable question. We believe that Dr. Neumann has to his credit many able accomplishments, but he has not arrested the decline of the ZOA both in the U. S. and world Jewish communities. The ZOA, once the most important factor in the American Zionist community, today is more often ignored than not even when decisions are made affecting questions which are specifically Zionist.

ONCE AGAIN we point out that this might have been true even if Rabbi Silver had returned to the presidency, but to ignore the facts that are apparent to all will lead from one bad decision to another.

Dr. Neumann now has been president of the ZOA for four of the past 11 years. The ZOA needs new blood. Democracy differs from other forms of government in that in a democracy you take the calculated risk of a Harding as president. But you also get a Lincoln and a Roosevelt.

THE THEORY of the indispensable man is the nemesis of democracy. It discourages new leadership. It denounces any challenge as sacrilegious. It has a tendency to throw every decision on the shoulders of the leader, thus robbing the government of the benefit of the collective best minds and best judgement of the group as a whole.

The argument for retaining Dr. Neumann which the backers of the draft seem to feel is most cogent is that in two years a man can hardly begin to put over a program, and is just beginning to get the feel of his office.

BUT THIS IS not valid in the case of Dr. Neumann.

When he took over the presidency two years ago, he already had behind him two years as president, so that if he gets another year now, it will in actuality be his fifth, not his third.

This demolishes the argument of the draft-Neumann people completely.

LET MR. GOODMAN function to the best of his ability to re-elect Dr. Neumann for a third term. That is the prerogative of every member of the ZOA.

But for the national executive committee to do this, in one guise or another, is in our belief highly improper.

Hail Beth El Congregation!

We doff our hats to Congregation Beth El of Alexandria, Va. In the face of a strong attack against their rabbi because of his stand against segregation in the schools, the board of the congregation refused to yield, and although it had called a special meeting to discuss the situation, on second thought, it cancelled it.

The Jews of Virginia are caught on the front line in the battle to allow Negro school children to attend schools along with white children.

In this kind of a situation heroes are made, as well as cowards. Also martyrs.

When one of the leading newspapers in the United States succumbs to hysteria, as in the case of *The Richmond News Leader*, it is too much to expect the white segregationists to permit dissent as in the case of Rabbi Emmet A. Frank.

This is one place where prayer and courage are the last hope of the honest man, and the honest community.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

YOU'VE NOTICED the profiles on various communities appearing from time to time.

We've found an increasing interest in these profiles, which we do only in communities which have no local Anglo-Jewish papers of their own. In many of these communities, we are invited to do the profile, which invitation, other things being equal, we're happy to accept.

WE'VE DONE the profiles on small communities, whose names such as Zanesville, O., may have never crossed your attention, and on fairly large-sized ones such as Akron and Dayton, O., Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., and Charleston, W. Va.

These are annual profiles, and each year we hope to take up another phase of community activity, seeking to reflect Jewish life accurately in cities around the U. S.

NO EDITOR could have a more devoted columnist than Rabbi Samuel Silver, who writes our "Digest of the Yiddish Press." Sam is very able with the pen, and the kind of job he has done with his column over the years has been one which has opened the eyes of many non-New Yorkers to the vital, thriving world of Yiddish and Yiddish publications.

'DR. ZHIVAGO ON THE JEWISH QUESTION

By **RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN**
KAM Temple, Chicago

Starting with this issue, Rabbi Weinstein is writing a new kind of column. In his own words, he says: "Now that the Tora cycle is over, I shall take a breather from the sidras and write as the spirit moves me."—Editor.

Boris Pasternak, like other brilliant Jews before him, has understandings of every people and every culture but his own.

In his novel, "Dr. Zhivago," he analyses as profoundly as any contemporary the malaise of the Russian soul. He builds a bridge between the Russia of Tolstoy and Dostoevski and the Russia of Lenin and Stalin.

No one has more deftly placed his finger on the tragic distortion of the Russian revolution when it was driven by the compulsive Bolshevik zealots far beyond its true course and became a worse tyranny than the one it had displaced. He lays open the morbid Jesuitry and dialectical righteousness of the Soviet intelligentsia. But this insight he seems unable to apply to the Jewish people.

CONSIDER what he says of them:

"We have also talked about mediocre publicists who have nothing to say to life and the world as a whole, of petty second-raters who are only too happy when some nation, preferably a small and wretched one, is constantly discussed—this gives them a chance to show off their competence and cleverness, and to thrive on their compassion for the persecuted.

"Well now, what more perfect example can you have of the victims of this mentality than the Jews? Their national idea has forced them, century after century, to be a nation and nothing but a nation—and they have been chained to this deadening task all through the centuries when all the rest of the world was being delivered from it by a new force which had come out of their own minds!

"ISN'T THAT extraordinary? How can you account for it? Just think! This glorious holiday (Christmas), this liberation from the curse of mediocrity, this soaring flight above the dullness of a humdrum existence, was first achieved in their land, proclaimed in their language, and belonged to their race! And they actually saw and heard it and let it go! How could they allow a spirit of such overwhelming power and beauty to leave them, how could they think that after it triumphed and established its reign they would remain as the empty husk of that miracle they had repudiated? What use is it to anyone, this voluntary martyrdom? Whom does it profit? For what purpose are these innocent

Sam has been writing this column for oh so many years. Over that period he has moved from assistant to the late Rabbi Barnett Brickner to one of the top positions in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, where he edits *American Judaism*.

IN OUR book he is close to the top editor of all Jewish magazines. He has an unflinching grasp of what is newsworthy, and could take over the job of managing editor of a daily paper in a moment's notice.

When Sam was single, we kept hoping he would find a suitable mate, but it just didn't seem to want to happen until he met Elaine Shapiro, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Joseph G. Shapiro of Bridgeport, Conn.

SO ONCE you are married, then you think in terms of a family. As a father with some experience in amassing a family, we always like to see our friends be fruitful and multiply. But that doesn't mean we want competition.

He and Elaine have announced the birth of their fourth son, Noah Mordecai. Joshua Jacob is only four, Barry Morris is two, and now Noah Mordechai, not to mention their big brother Leon David who was bar mitzva this year.

DOES SAM think he can successfully challenge the Cohens?

old men and women and children, all these subtle, kind, humane people, mocked and beaten up throughout the centuries? . . ."

PASTERNAK repeats the missionary pitch. He talks like a Russian edition of Professor Toynbee.

Why does it not occur to him that Christianity failed in Russia because it made the compromise with power that Judaism would never make; because it confused symbolism with ethical content, as Judaism seldom did; because it detoured this world for the next, as Judaism never would; because it accepted one man's excellence for God's perfection, as Judaism never could?

That answer has recently been given again through the delightful instrumentality of a Hollywood picture—"Me and the Colonel."

FRANZ WERFEL, S. N. Behrman and Danny Kaye most happily conspire to convince anyone with an eye to see and an ear to hear that the Jewish spirit and the Jewish sense of values will be needed as long as man is inhuman to fellow man, as long as the harsh asperities of life press upon our dreams, as long as Gentile gentlemen confuse true humanity with the idolatries of personal pride and national honor.

I forthwith nominate Danny Kaye for the Jewish Academy Award for having added lustre and grace to Franz Werfel's Jacobowsky and for having revealed him as the Wandering Jew we can be proud of and the world could well use—a Jew of compassionate humor, of infinite wit, of mellow understanding, of unyielding patience in trial, and of that subtle and tenacious faith that comes from the instinctive knowledge that in God's world there are always alternatives.

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Abe Goodman Says POST and OPINION Distorts Draft-Emanuel Neumann Action

(See Editorial this Issue)
 Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
 For quite some time I have been deliberating whether or not to give answer to some of the uncomplimentary editorial comments that appeared on the pages of your publication about Dr. Emanuel Neumann and the question of the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America in the ensuing year.

FOR MORE than one reason I refrained from doing so until now.

In the first place, I always find it distasteful to rush into print and engage in polemics.

In the second place, I felt it would be undignified and embarrassing to have the name of Dr. Emanuel Neumann and the presidency of the ZOA made the subject of public debate before the organization takes official action on this question.

Now that this has been done through the resolution passed at the meeting of the NEC on Sept. 21, I feel it is my duty, as the chairman of that body to answer your unwarranted and irresponsible charges in order to set the record straight and to counteract to some extent the grave injustice done by you to one of the great Jewish leaders of our generation.

I HOPE that in the interest of fair play and for the benefit

of your readers, you will publish this letter in full.

I will not resort to the gutter language used in your editorial comments on the NEC resolution in the Oct. 3 issue of your publication. Your statement reading "but for the executive body of the ZOA to participate in such action is political corruption of the meanest sort" is a malicious attack on an honorable organization.

THE TRUTH is that the NEC in taking the action it did on Sept. 21 followed scrupulously Article X of the ZOA constitution which describes the method of making amendments to the constitution.

At that meeting there was a long, free and open debate on the resolution. Opinions were freely expressed, both pro and con, before a vote was taken. However, it must be pointed out that this resolution is no more than a recommendation to the approaching convention which will be free to adopt it or reject it.

IF ADOPTED, the convention will be free to elect Dr. Emanuel Neumann to the presidency for the ensuing year. It will be similarly free to elect any one else to that office.

Only one prompted by ulterior motives can distort the character of such an act and call it "poli-

tical corruption of the meanest sort."

I am proud to consider myself as one of Dr. Neumann's most intimate friends and as one who enjoys his complete confidence. I am therefore in a position to deny emphatically the direct or implied accusations made in your editorials, that Dr. Neumann never really needed any persuasion to continue in his present office and that he himself inspired the third term move.

THE TRUTH is that for the longest time I had to use my best influence to persuade him to make himself available for the ZOA presidency for another year. This I did purely in the best interests of the organization, mindful of its many difficult problems, and in the belief that it will take one more year of Dr. Neumann's unmatched leadership and direction to consolidate the position of the ZOA and make it easier for his successor.

But, aside from my personal testimony on this question, it seems completely irrational to accuse Dr. Neumann of wishing to take on for another year the thankless burdens of the top position of the ZOA. This can not add one scintilla of honor to a record already replete with the highest achievements. It

can only continue the terrible strain of superhuman demands on his time, on his physical strength, and his mental powers.

IT IS ALSO difficult for me to understand why in your editorial comments you completely ignored the fact that the ZOA under Dr. Neumann's leadership has created a record of remarkable achievement which has evoked widespread acclaim and brought renewed prestige and honor to Zionism. Our substantial accomplishments in the sphere of public relations, the outstanding contributions made by our projects in Israel, the ZOA-Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv and Kfar Silver, the progress registered in the cultural and educational phases of our program, and the new impetus given to Zionist world activity—all of this is directly attributable to the energetic leadership and guidance of our president.

Nor, can I understand why in your editorial comments you made such a fetish of the provision in the ZOA constitution against a third term as if it is in itself a holy and immutable law.

In the first place, the constitution itself provides the method of change and this is being carefully followed. In the second place, the wisdom of this

provision is questionable when, as a matter of fact, every worthwhile Jewish organization (B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, for example) has set the pattern of keeping their successful top leaders in office for much longer than two years of service.

The action taken by the national executive council on Sept. 21 is a complete refutation of the position taken by you in your publication.

THIS ACTION was not only a tribute to a great leader, but was motivated by the organization's self-interest which was fully and frankly examined. We are drafting Dr. Neumann because we are profoundly convinced that he is urgently needed at the helm at this juncture in the affairs of Israel, of the Zionist movement generally, and of the ZOA.

I hope that with the election of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, which now has been made possible, you will deem it your duty to lend your voice to constructive objectives so that the best interests of the Zionist movement and the Jewish people may be served.

ABRAHAM GOODMAN,
 Chairman National
 Executive Council
 Zionist Organization
 of America.

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Center Shouldn't Recognize Teen-Age Fraternities

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
 Those of us who were privileged to hear Harry Golden at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation brotherhood meeting last week, were tremendously impressed by the courage of a man who not only is actively fighting segregation, but is doing so as a resident of the South.

Mr. Golden said that the Southern whites want to keep the Negro in his inferior position so that they can maintain their own status.

One can't help drawing a parallel to the teen-age fraternities and sororities which also maintain a status system, by excluding applicants for membership because they are not "right." Unfortunately, many of these fraternities and sororities are "Jewish."

The blame for fraternities should be placed not on the teenagers involved but on their parents and responsible officers of those organizations which are willing to give recognition to these sororities and fraternities. Should a public institution, such as the Indianapolis JCC recognize and thereby give legal status to an organization which the state of Indiana has declared cannot legally meet in the high schools? We would not want to see this happen.

Many of the people who are in complete sympathy with the attempts of the Southern Negro to destroy an artificial status system have failed to recognize that the same type of problem exists under their very noses. Do we sympathize with a cause 500 miles from Indianapolis but will not apply the same moral principles in our attitude to-

ward the Jewish fraternities and sororities? The issue involved is the same.

A number of officers of the Indianapolis JCC take the view that the sororities and fraternities are snobbish and undemocratic but, by being brought into the JCC, can be gradually educated to a democratic outlook.

As the Supreme Court has clearly and courageously ruled for the Negro, so by analogy we believe that a firm stand can be taken on the teen-age sororities and fraternities.

How can the JCC attract the teenager? Not by absorbing an existent "status" organization, but by offering a well-rounded interesting program that will appeal to him. Our center is staffed by trained group workers who are capable of planning and executing this type of program rather than riding on the coattails of a ready-made, doubtful group.

The teenager acts undemocratically when he is a fraternity member. We have enough faith in human nature to believe that by replacing the fraternity by a better organization, a better person will result.

HERBERT L. GREEN,
 Indianapolis, Ind.

150 MIGRANTS FLY IN

Two special El Al flights brought 150 immigrants from Iran and Austria to Israel.

110 BULGARIANS IN ISRAEL

A Bulgarian passenger vessel, the SS. Georgi Dimitrov, brought 110 Jewish tourists from Bulgaria to Israel.

Harry Golden Spoke First In Durham

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
 In your Oct. 3 issue you indicate that Indianapolis was the first city in which Harry Golden spoke following the expose' of his ancient misdeeds and rehabilitation.

For the sake of accuracy, it should be said Durham, N. C., was the occasion of this not-so-earth-shaking event.

In fact, Mr. Golden in his first comments remarked that he was so moved by this expression of confidence in him that "I would have walked on my hands and knees if I had to."

An interesting sidelight, before the meeting, which was sponsored by the local B'nai B'rith lodge, it had been our decision to limit the audience to our Jewish community. But following the prison publicity we decided to widen our audience to include our non-Jewish friends and guests. The talk, which in general was similar to the one you report, was well received by Jews and non-Jews alike.

HARRY T. ZANKEL, MD.
 Chairman, Anti-Defamation Committee.

Nathan Rosenstein Lodge,
 B'nai B'rith,
 Durham, N. C.

Israel Short of Money

Israel government offices were ordered not to give out checks during the High Holy Days season, because the holidays brought dwindling tax returns and increased expenditures.

500 Minions in Tel Aviv

More than 500 places of worship, including 30 new synagogues, were open in Tel Aviv during the High Holy Days.

Synagogue Architecture Views Should Benefit Entire Community

Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
 Rabbi Lipman and I were most pleased to read your comments in "The Editor's Chair" on synagogue architecture (P-O, Sept. 26) for this area of religious expression has been of vital concern to the commission on synagogue activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations since the close of World War II. Under separate cover, I've sent you a copy of "The American Synagogue—A Progress Report." This is the recently published proceedings of the Union's second national conference on synagogue architecture and art . . . held in December 1952.

THE REFERENCE to a "progress report" in the title has significance, for the Union held what we believe to be the first such conferences in Jewish history back in 1947 in New York and Chicago. These conferences were inspired by the then director of the commission on synagogue activities, Rabbi Jacob D. Schwarz, and Harry M. Prince, an outstanding American architect.

The 1947 conferences had two outstanding results which have contributed much to the progress in synagogue design and function. It resulted in the establish-

ment of the Union's synagogue architects consultant panel and the synagogue architectural library here at the House of Living Judaism.

IT ALSO LED to the publication by the UAHC of the most definitive volume on synagogue architecture now available. Edited by Peter Blake and written by renowned architects, artists, rabbis and "lay leaders," "An American Synagogue for Today and Tomorrow" serves as an outstanding guide for all who are involved in creating the new form of the American synagogue building.

This service and aid in architecture and art as it relates to the synagogue is a major aspect of the program of the commission on synagogue activities under its director, Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman, and carried out by my office.

Your observations will stimulate discussion and thinking in this connection and should benefit the entire Jewish community.

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She Won't Fall Out of Her Seat

The Queen of the Flying Triangle ranch—Harriet Diane Sinykin—prepares to ride a horse while standing on his back. Diane, 13, loves riding and is accomplished in all kinds of horsemanship.

Fleet Almost Doubles Sardine Catch

HAIFA (P-O)—Another indication of the rapid advance of Israel toward self-sufficiency in food was revealed this week with news that the sardine catch for this season will probably go over 1,100 tons.

LAST YEAR'S haul was 650 tons, about the annual average. The big increase is attributed by fishermen to the larger fishing fleet, equipped as it is with

the most modern facilities, and more plentiful schools of fish.

THE CATCH keeps seven plants busy. The plants are expected to put over five million tins of sardines on the market.

CLOSED FOR 'ISRAEL DAY'

Morocco closed its pavilion at the International fair in Marseilles, France, during the fair's "Israel Day" last month.

QUINN, S. D. (NJP)—A South Dakota Jewish rancher is proving that it is possible to bring up a traditional Jewish family in isolated surroundings.

Though the nearest synagogue is 300 miles away—in Aberdeen, S. D.—and the nearest Jewish community (of 20 families) 80 miles away—in Rapid City, S.D.—rancher L. A. Sinykin maintains a home in which men and boys lay tephilin and pray every morning.

CONSIDERING distances, even the borders of Sinykin's Flying Triangle Ranch itself—built in 50 years from a homestead of 160 acres to a huge cattleland of 5,500 acres—are far enough away to make the family forget there is any other world.

But Sinykin is not an isolationist.

He not only has a ranch and a family with three children, but is drilling for oil and carrying out irrigation projects that have helped reclaim large areas of dry land in his state.

In fact, Sinykin may become one of the oil-rich men of the West. Since oil wells have been sunk successfully in many parts of South Dakota, more than 1,000 acres of the Sinykin ranch have been leased by one of the major oil companies for prospecting purposes.

It is planned to sink perhaps five test wells on the property in the near future.

LARRY, 18, and Billy, 16, both became bar mitzva, and Diane, 13, also has a Jewish education.

Much of their Jewish learning the children obtained by attending a religious school set up by an Air Force chaplain, Theodore Gluck, at a base near Rapid City.

In fact, difficult as it was to spare them from the normal chores of ranch life, including planting, caring for cattle, etc., Sinykin sent his children for their winters to Rapid City, where the chaplain, his wife, and his assistant taught a total of 26 children in four Sunday school classes.

DURING Milder weather Sinykin drove the grueling 80-



Sinykins at Their Ranch

The Sinykin family pauses and poses at the Flying Triangle ranch, Quinn, S. D., where Mr. Sinykin settled 50 years ago.

mile distance to Rapid City each Sunday.

Sinykin, who still shudders when he recalls his 1908 trip to their fresh sod shanty in South Dakota, told The POST and OPINION that today he would urge more Jewish people to go into farming.

"We do not mind being isolated, because it is a clean, healthy life," he said.

SINYKIN also recalls that when they made the trip there were 20 Jewish families in the area. After little more than three years all but three families were gone.

Those who stayed, Harry David Sinykin, and two sons-in-law, I. S. Marsh and Abe Cohen, bought up the extra land and the homestead grew to its present size. The present owner, Louie Sinykin, is the son of Harry David, and the sod shanty has changed to a nine-room house with gravel road, telephone and electricity.

ONE THING Sinykin disclaims ever having found in ranch life is something found by Jews almost everywhere else—anti-Semitism.

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